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1. The reply filed on 10/4/01, paper number 6, is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): **applicants fail to elect a species as requested in the election/restriction mailed on 6/6/01.** And Applicants have added (response filed on 10/4/01) new claims 52-83; in which claims 61-69 and 77-83 differ (drawn to a method for synthesizing a polymer) from the original claims 1-16 and are withdrawn; **and applicants are requested to elect a species for the following: photosensitive compound; autocatalytic compound; synthesis intermediate; photo activated catalyst; and protecting group.** Thus the response filed on 10/4/01 is not a proper response. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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